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A new grounds of rejection was made in the Examiner's Answer, mailed December 10, 2008. The new grounds of rejection is as follows:

NEW GROUND(S) OF REJECTION

Claims 135, 137-139, 145 and 146 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Ezzat (GB 2250266) in view of Katz (US 3851574), Google Groups and Daedkindt et al. (EP 335852), Belleson et al. (US 4751090) GoogleGroups (6/16/1999), GoogleGroups (01/21/2000), GoogleGroups(01/2/2000), GoogleGroups (01/19/2001) and International Food Information Council (IFIC - 1998), for the reasons given with respect to the rejection of claims 128, 134 and 144 above.

Claims 137 and 129 recite wherein the popcorn snack further comprises acesulfame K. These claims are rejected for the reasons given above with respect to claim 134. Claims 135 and 138 only differ from claim 128 in the exclusion of any recitation of a customization of the package by having the consumer select the food ingredient, flavoring, additive and package.

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